





Status of Career and Technical Education (CTE) in the Bering Straits region: A Regional Training Center's Perspective

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NACTEC CTE Focus:



- 1. NACTEC delivers variable term (2-4 week intensive formats) residential CTE programs aligning with priority industries: Healthcare, Transportation, Construction, Hospitality & Tourism, Seafood Harvesting & Processing.
 - Northwest Area Health Education Center (NW AHEC)
 - DMV 3rd Party Examiner/Approved D.E. School
 - AVTEC Maritime: USCG certified training (certifications)
 - UAF-CTC: FAA approval Aviation Maintenance (dual credit)

CTE Training = Workforce Development Alignment



Arctic Deep Draft Port Project in Nome Authorized by Congress

By Catherine Rubano | January 12, 2021 | 3 🍛



AFTER YEARS OF WAITING, THE ARCTIC DEEP DRAFT PORT project in Nome was authorized by Congress on December 21st and is ready to move forward.

- 1. Dec. '20, Water Resource Development Act-\$389M Congress appropriation on a \$505M Arctic Deep Draft Port in Nome
- 2. Jan. '21 Graphite Creek highest grade large flake graphite deposit in U.S.

US government gives high priority status to Graphite One's Alaskan project

Northern Miner Staff | February 3, 2021 | 12:02 pm Exploration USA Graphite







COVID-impacted Environment

- 1. Closed by COVID: FY21 residential programming for BSSD students
- 2. Shift to semester-based CTE for Nome Public Schools
- 3. Limited adult Driver Education training





Distance Delivery CTE – Virtual Environment

- Shop facilities
 - Information rich tags embedded
 - www.nacteconline.org





Distance Delivery CTE - Courses

- Small Engine Repair 29 videos
- Intro to Aviation 15 videos
- Intro to Healthcare
- Heavy Equipment Operator
- Flux Core Arc Welding
- Potential Statewide Delivery w/ DEED





Distance Delivery CTE - Aviation

- Basic Aviation Training Devices at all sites
 - GoogleDoc Flight logs document interest
- Intro to Aviation course developed
- Aviation Ground School
- Aviation Maintenance/Small Engine Repair

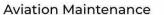




AVIATION PROGRAM







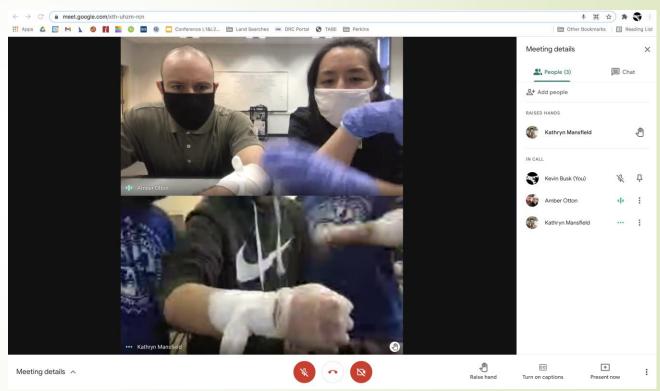


Aviation Ground School

Distance Delivery CTE - Healthcare

- ► HLTH 105 Intro to Health
- QPR Suicide Prevention
- Jr. High Career Exploration
 - Bandaging Workshops

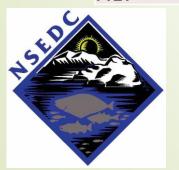




NACTEC Legislative Emphasis

- TVEP Reauthorization (HB100)
- DEED Residential Stipends
- Alaska Education Tax Credit (ETC)

Fiscal Year	ETC Total	Budget Total	% ETC
FY10	400000	1300000	31%
FY11	200000	1320000	15%
FY12	550000	1390000	40%
FY13	200000	1240000	16%
FY14	300000	1170000	26%
FY15	405000	1760000	24%
FY16	595000	1700000	36%
FY17	506000	1650000	30%
FY18	542000	1690000	29%
FY19	509000	1860000	30%
FY20	280000	1670000	16%
FY21	120000	1700000	7%













Alaska Career & Technical Education Overview

Alaska Department of Education & Early Development
Deborah Riddle, Division Operations Manager, Innovation and Education Excellence
Brad Billings, Administrator, Career and Technical Education



House Education Committee April 7, 2021



Our Mission, Vision, and Purpose

OUR MISSION

 An excellent education for every student every day.

OUR VISION

- All students will succeed in their education and work, shape worthwhile and satisfying lives for themselves, exemplify the best values of society, and be effective in improving the character and quality of the world about them.
 - Alaska Statute 14.03.015

OUR PURPOSE

 DEED exists to provide information, resources, and leadership to support an excellent education for every student every day.

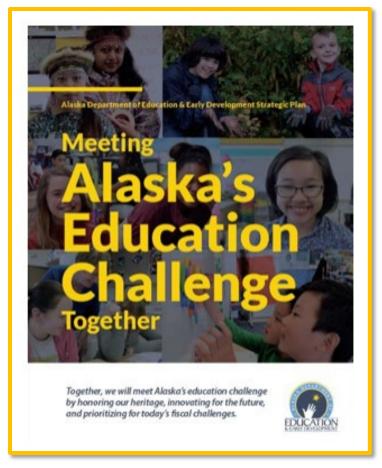




Our Strategic Priorities: Alaska's Education Challenge

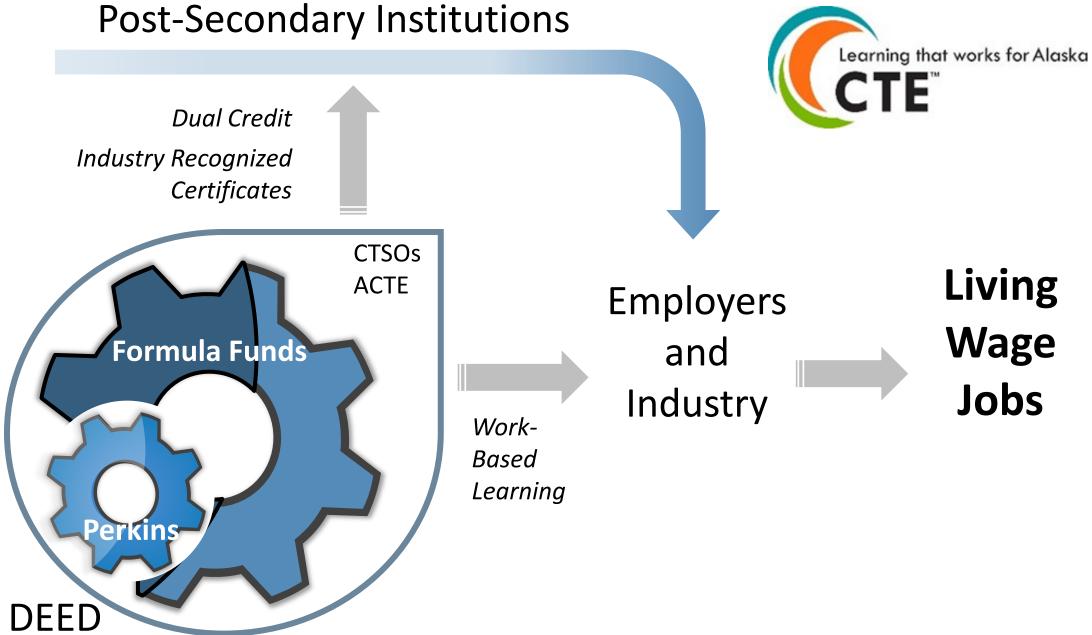
Five Shared Priorities:

- 1. Support all students to read at grade level by the end of third grade
- 2. Increase career, technical, and culturally relevant education to meet student and workforce needs
- 3. Close the achievement gap by ensuring equitable educational rigor and resources
- 4. Prepare, attract, and retain effective education professionals
- 5. Improve the safety and well-being of students through school partnerships with families, communities, and tribes



education.alaska.gov/akedchallenge







Secondary CTE Resource Ecosystem

FY2021

> Alaska's Carl Perkins federal funds

\$5.1M

> CTE factor (x1.015) within the foundation formula

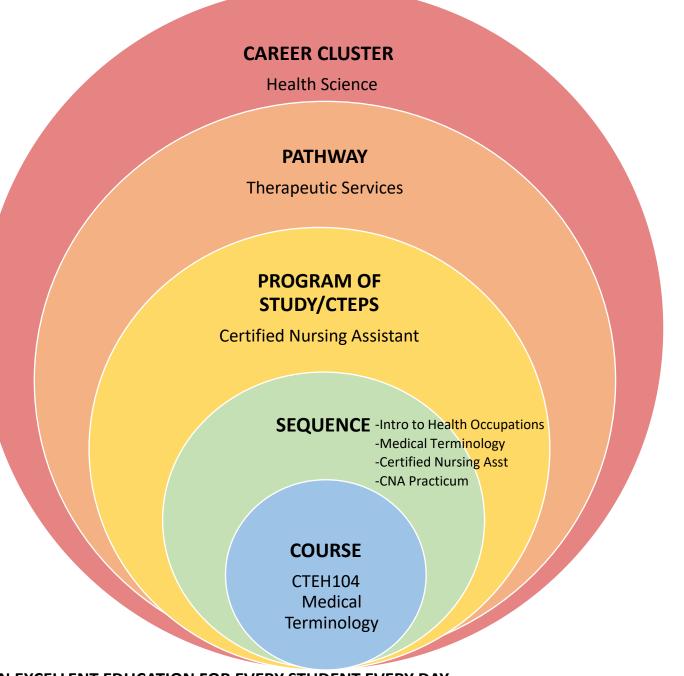
\$17.6M

- > Private/government grants for secondary schools
- Post-secondary government partners, universities, and training institutions
- > Investment of employers/industry in workforce development and training of employees



Career and Technical Education

Cluster to Course





High Quality CTE Program of Study

- > Responsive to demand
- > Student career development
- > Multiple "stacked" courses
- > Academic, employability, and technical standards
- > Post-secondary recognized credentials or credit
- > Work-based learning

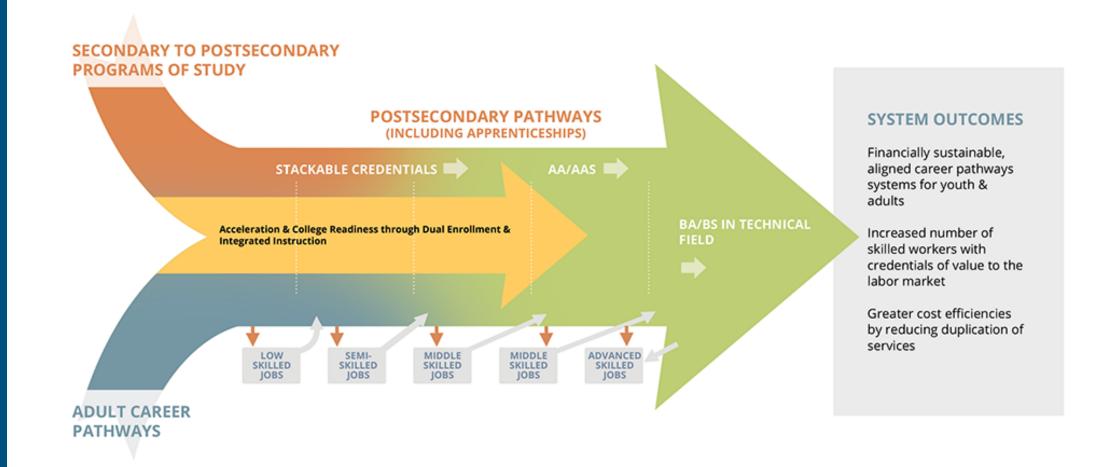


CTE Partnerships

- > Consultation of local/regional Advisory Committee(s)
- > Alaska TVEP training institutions
- University of Alaska Transition Coalition workforce development
- > Local arrangements with business, industry, trade unions, etc.



Integrated Career Pathways Model





COVID-19 Flexibility and Innovation

- Carry forward of federal CTE funds
- > Spring 2020 weekly statewide collaboration calls
- > Annual statewide conferences delivered virtually
- > School district and partner innovation

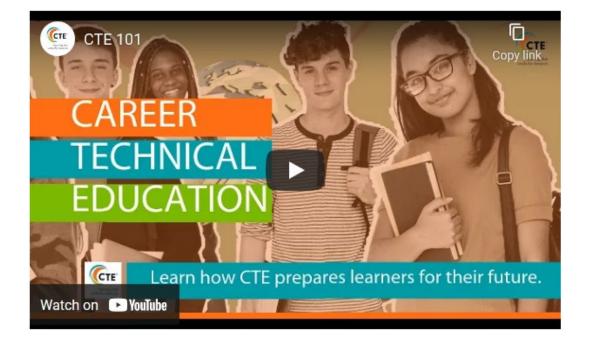


CTE Resources



education.alaska.gov/cte

- > Alaska Work-Based Learning Guide
- > Alaska CTE Perkins State Plan
- > Career Clusters
- >and more!





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Alaska Association for Career and Technical Education

Teri Cothren President

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Our Mission & Vision

MISSION

Provide leadership to ensure all students have access to quality Career & Technical Education.

VISION

We are the network that aligns education and industry to develop a strong Alaska workforce.



Board of Directors

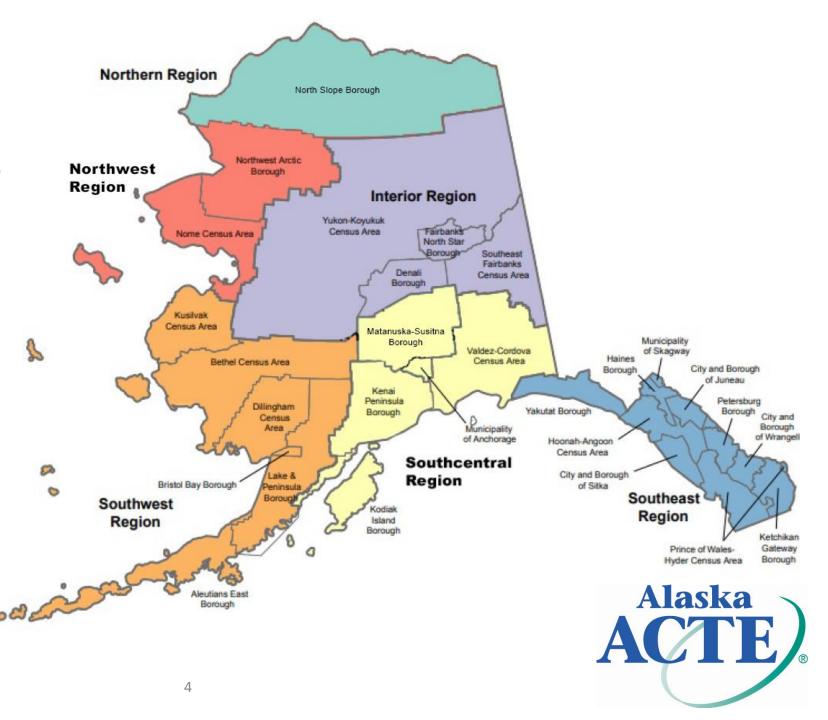
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Alaska Economic and ACTE Regions

Aleutians West Census Area



National Affiliation & Member Benefits

AK ACTE Membership Benefits



Reduced conference registration fees for local and national ACTE conferences

Subscription to Techniques magazine featuring article on CTE trends, case studies, and innovations



Networking and
Professional Development
a with CTE teachers in
Alaska and the nation

Discounted CTE professional development through the AK CTE Learn portal

Access to AK ACTE Clearinghouse with CTE lessons & projects



National benefits

- Reduced conference rates
- Subscription to Techniques
- CTE Learn portal
- Regional award opportunities

State benefits

- Newsletters
- Regional outreach
- Website and social media presence
- Annual conference
- CTE awards
- Advocacy



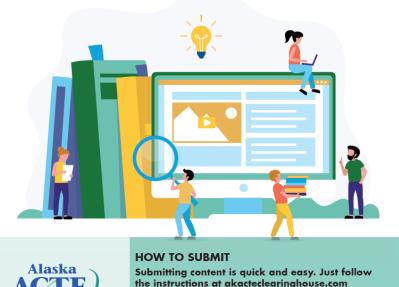
Alaska ACTE Clearinghouse

SHARE YOUR CTE RESOURCES

with Teachers and Administrators Across Alaska

Alaska ACTE is making it easy to share and access career and technical education (CTE) instructional, general safety, leadership, professional development, Career and Technical Student Organizations, and best practices resources. These resources will be hosted in the Alaska ACTE Clearinghouse and made publicly available.

We need your help to pack the clearinghouse with valuable content! By sharing content, together we can enhance CTE delivery and inspire student engagement across the state. This collaborative effort will result in a robust database of CTE resources.



If you have any questions, please contact us at

clearinghouse@alaskaacte.org.

- Strengthens onboarding
- Provides access to quality CTE resources
- Leverages existing resources
- Enhances curriculum alignment
- Builds a collaborative community



Professional Development Conference



- Professional platform for CTE
- Networking
- Keynote speakers
- Hands-on training and breakout sessions
- Vendor fair
- Continuing education



Awards – Celebrating Excellence in CTE



CTE Teacher of the Year

New CTE Teacher of the Year

CTE Leadership Award

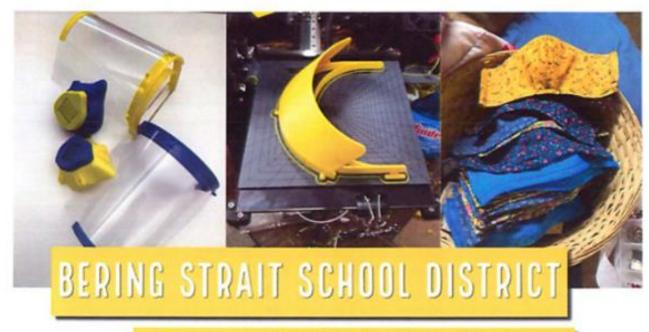
Community Service Award

Career Guidance Award

Innovative Program Award



2020 Community Service Award



Serves 15 Northwest Villages

Bering Strait School District
CTE Program

Manufacturing PPE



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Value of CTE

WHO ARE ALASKA'S CTE STUDENTS?



2018-2019 STATEWIDE AVERAGES



47% Are economically disadvantaged

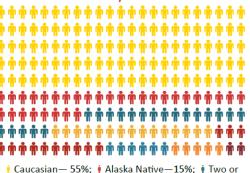
31% Are NTO

14% Are disabled

8.7% Are Migrant

6,5% Are EL⁺

* Nontraditional Occupations † English Learners



DEMOGRAPHICS

more races-10%; Asian-7%; Hispanic-6%;

₱ Black—3%; ₱ Pacific Islander—2.5%;

CTE IN ALASKA



95% GRADUATION

CTE concentrators[‡] are 17% more likely to graduate than their non-CTE counterparts.

‡ Students with ≥ 2.0 HS CTE credits



17.5%

Alaskan

are CTE

graduates

concentrators

Of CTE concentrators go on to postsecondary, adv. training, the military, or employment.

CTE in Alaska

51% of jobs in Alaska require skills training more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

Career and technical education (CTE) programs can develop this workforce, particularly in Alaska's key industries, like:

- oil and gas
- health care
- metal ore mining
- construction

91% of Alaska secondary CTE concentrators met performance goals for technical skills in 2018.

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Alaska, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2018-19 school year, Alaska had:

12,435

secondary CTE participants

5,245

postsecondary CTE participants

These youth and adult learners in CTE programs are more engaged, graduate high school at higher rates, earn industry-recognized credentials, and have rewarding and family-sustaining careers.



CTE Concentrators All Students Four-year cohort graduation rate in Alaska (2017-18)

2,097 postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Alaska (2016-17)









More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Alaska to ensure that all learners, including historically underserved learners, have access to high-quality CTE programs in high-skill, high-wage and in-demand career

CTE: Good for Students, Good for Business, Good for Communities!

FY 20 Federal Perkins CTE **Funding for Alaska**

\$5,135,742

For more information visit www.acteonline.org, education.alaska.gov/cte and www.acteonline.org.

Data sources are available from publicoolic/@acteonline.org.











Of students took at least one CTE class in high school



Thank you

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President

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BRISTOL BAY REGIONAL CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

BUILDING REGIONAL WORKFORCE FROM THE GROUND UP

BBRCTE was formed as a way to provide career and technical learning opportunities and exposure to different pathways to students in 21 communities in the Bristol Bay Region

What is BBRCTE?

21 SCHOOLS

Offers courses and programs to students from a variety of school and community sizes

INDUSTRY EXPERTS

We work with a wide range of instructors and guest instructors who bring their expertise to share with students

COMMUNITY

Takes place within
the two main hubs,
Dillingham and
Naknek/King Salmon
during four separate
week long phases

REGIONAL CAREER FOCUS

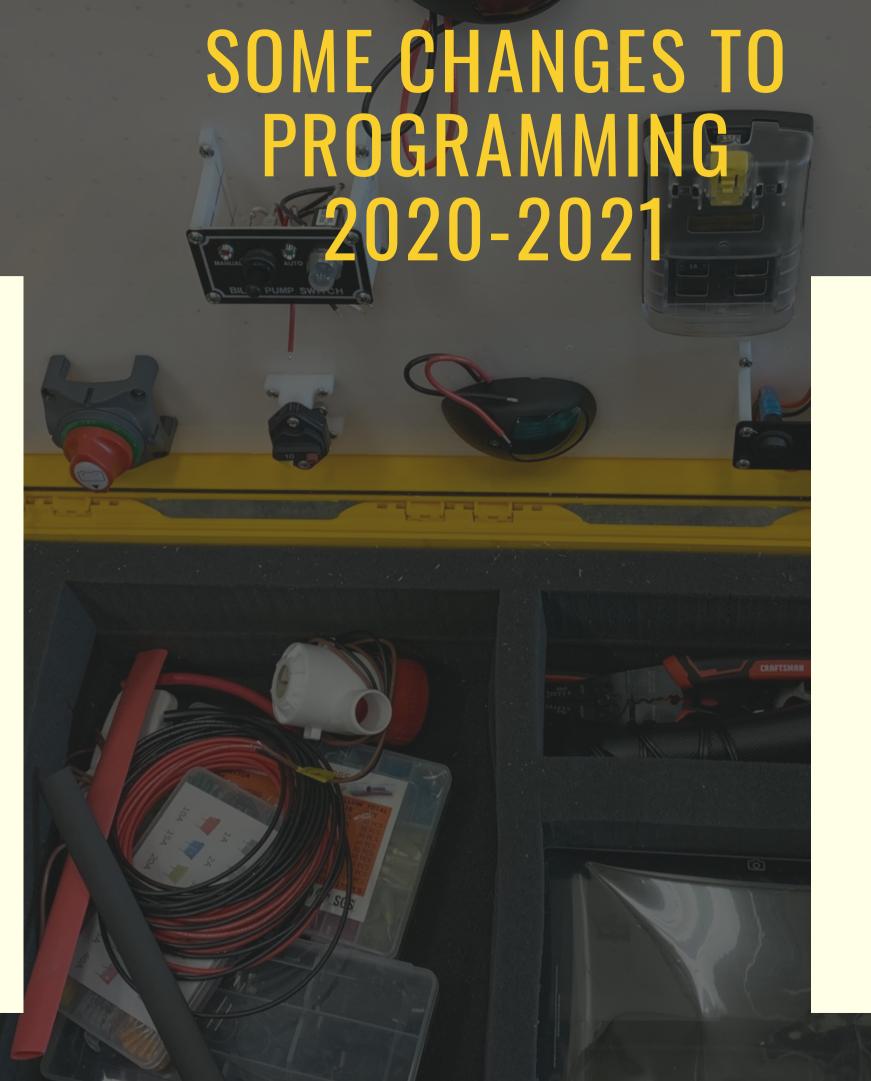
Provides coursework
and programs
applicable to job
and career
opportunities in the
region and state



SHIFTING PROGRAMMING

Distance and blended courses

Small Engines
Maritime Electrical
Allied Health
Dual Credit
Aviation



REMO VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR

Developed in
Partnership with
CDQ
40 tables were
staffed with local,
regional, state, and
national employers
and recruiters
Around 200
participants from all
across the region

2021-2022 PROGRAMS

Welding and Fabrication-Skiff Build Academy Maritime-Captain's License-AVTEC

Commercial Fishing-

Marine propulsion, RSW, 12v Electric, Maritime

Hydraulics-Alaska Sea Grant/BBC

Allied Health-CNA-AHEC

Sustainable Energy-BBC

Culinary Arts

Construction Trades-NCCER

Business and Entrepreneurship-Alaska Business Week

Aviation

Unmanned Aircrafts (drones)

Natural Resource Management-Katmai

Public Safety

Leadership and Government

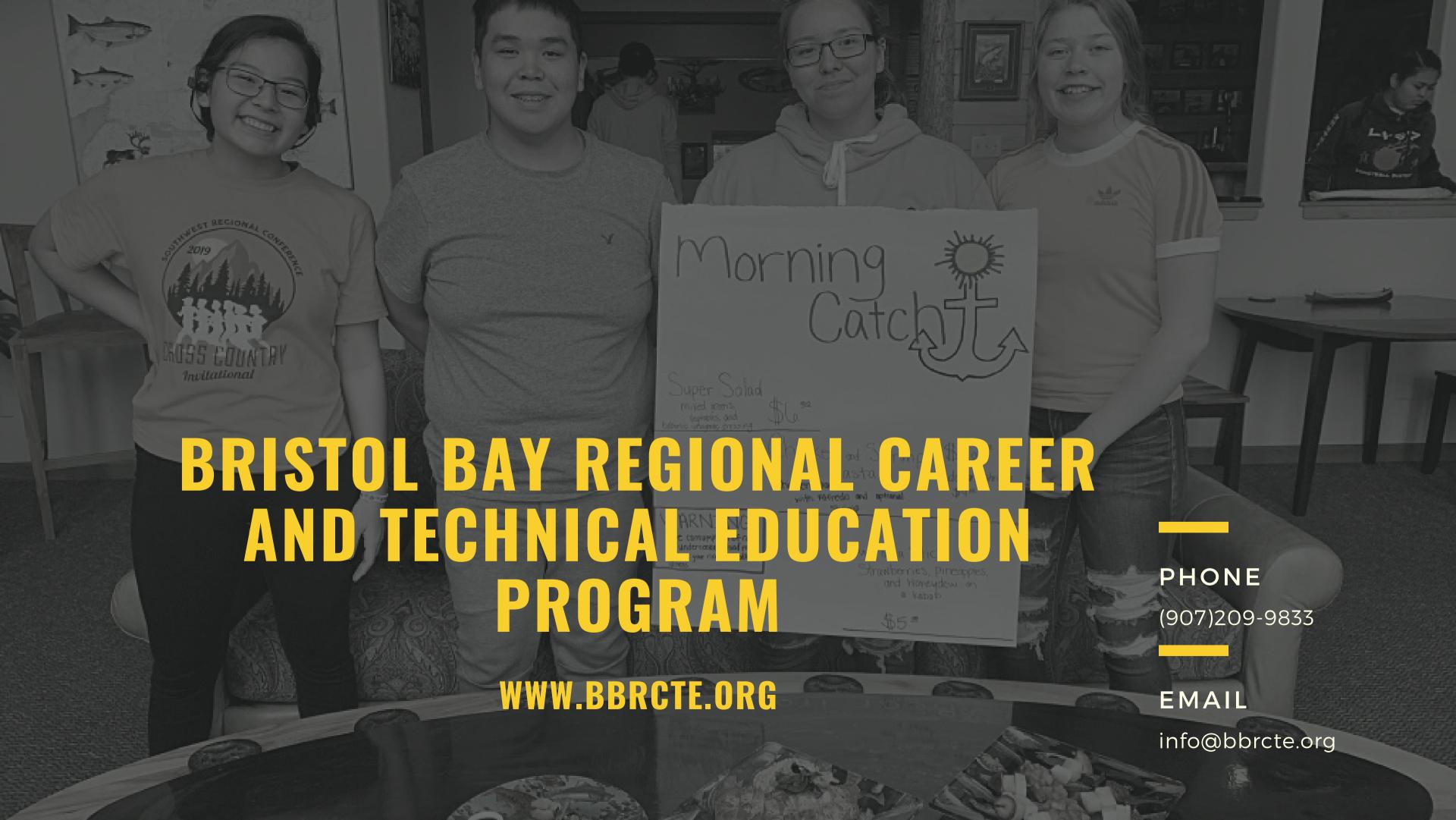
Internship and Work Study Program (in planning Phases)







- BBEDC
- BBNC
- Peak Oilfield
- Alaska State Department of Education
- BBBSD, LPSD, SWRSD, DCSD
- UAF Bristol Bay Campus
- Lake and Peninsula Borough
- AVTEC
- AHEC
- Honda



Alaska House Education Meeting

CTE Report from the Lower Kuskokwim School district



Introduction to LKSD CTE Programs

- LKSD serves 27 different school sites in 22 communities
- Largests rural district in Alaska
- Village schools are heavily supported by the District Office out of Bethel

LKSD Site Populations

Atmautluak	Pop: 277 Students: 111	Dual	
Bethel (Ayaprun)	Pop: 6363 Students: 170	Dual	
Bethel (KLA)	Pop: 6363 Students: 54	EFL	
Bethel (BRHS)	Pop: 6363 Students: 508	EFL	
Bethel (Gladys Jung)	Pop: 6363 Students: 355	EFL	
Bethel (ME School)	Pop: 6363 Students: 342	EFL	
Chefornak	Pop: 418 Students: 159	Dual	
Eek	Pop: 296 Students: 125	Dual	
Goodnews Bay	Pop: 254 Students: 73	EFL	

Kasigluk (Akiuk)	Pop: 569 Students: 124	Dual	Newtok- Metarvik	Pop: Stud
Kasigluk (Akula)	Pop: 569 Students: 115	Dual	Nightmute	Pop: Stud
Kipnuk	Pop: 639 Students: 209	Dual	Nunapitchuk	Pop: Stud
Kongiganak	Pop: 439 Students: 164	Dual	Oscarville	Pop: Stud
Kwethluk	Pop: 753 Students: 262	Dual	Platinum	Pop: Stud
Kwigillingok	Pop: 321 Students: 141	Dual	Quinahagak	Pop: Stud
Mekoryuk	Pop: 200 Students: 44	Dual	Toksook Bay	Pop: Stud
Napakiak	Pop: 370 Students: 95	EFL	Tuntutuliak	Pop: Stud
Napaskiak	Pop: 423 Students: 156	Dual	Tununak	Pop: Stud

DUAL: BI-LITERACY

EFL: ENGLISH FIRST LANGUAG



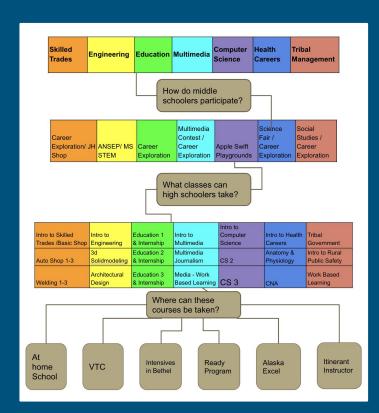


CTE Programs Overview

Career and Technical Programs offered in a variety of formats

- Traditional in person at home school
- Distance delivery via Zoom
- Variable length boarding program
- Itenrant instructor
- Third party educational opportunities
- Homegrown instructors

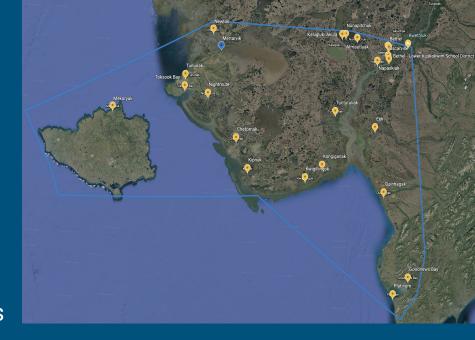




Challenges with and prior to COVID-19

- CTE instructors are very hard to find / keep / train
- Village schools typically require travel to access CTE programs
- Revolving administration and priorities
- COVID-19 shut down school as we know it for 1 year
- Infrastructure does not meet needs





Success with Work Based Learning

- Continued Partnership with YKHC
- Students placed in dental and optometry
- Future openings with additional departments as student pool increases





Things learned and strengths moving forward

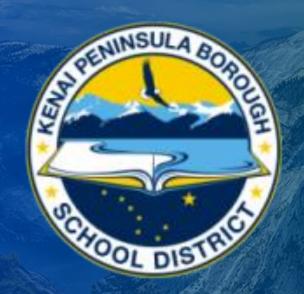
- The Pandemic highlighted the need for reliable connectivity at home for our students.
 - o Building partnerships with tribal entities to help address funding challenges
- CTE networking across the state has never been stronger
- Statewide development of CTE courses
- CTE clearing house for statewide course sharing
- Instructors have had to take a more thoughtful approach to detailed planning



32nd Alaska State Legislature

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Matt Widaman- KPBSD CTE Specialist



April 2021



Kenai Peninsula Borough School District-

Microcosm of Alaska-

- Rural over the water schools accessible only by plane or boat
- Schools on road system
- 42 schools in the district
- Challenges for student opportunities

COVID Calendar

Start of school year remote

Back to school for month in September – October

November – January- remote

Mid- January – back in school



Response to COVID

CTE staff protocols
Student PPE and Equipment Handling

- Hands on courses- Online Learning- Challenges
 - Welding
 - Construction
 - Culinary Arts
 - Decrease in 30% of CTE enrollment- district wide

Kits, supplies and materials to students

Mitigation Plan- CTE courses-SOHI, KCHS and Nikiski

35% increase in work experience students

Kenai Peninsula College/UAA - Courses



Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO)



Region and State events cancelled past two years



Emanuela Pokryfki- District Ed Rising Advisor



Seward High Chapter- Iron Mountain



KPBSD Career Pathways

- Health Science
- Business, Management, & Administration
- Marketing, Sales, & Service
- Finance
- Information Technology (IT)
- Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM)
- Manufacturing, Construction
- Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics

Identify CTE outcomes for Alaska and Lower 48- Questions

What preparation and skills are needed for the workplace and post-secondary education or training? Employability Skills?

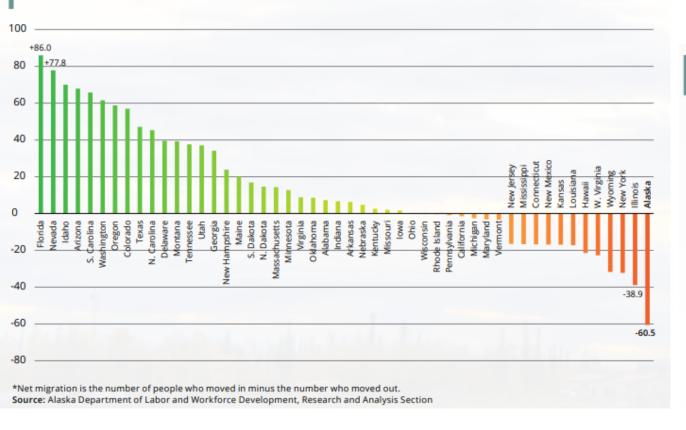
Other ways to best prepare our students for workplace or career readiness? Industry credentials?

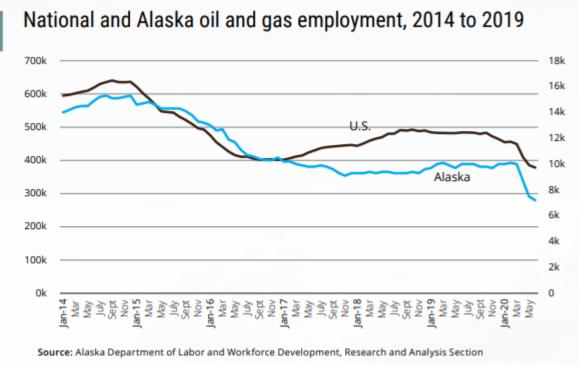
What courses or pathways should be a focus? 5 years?

Economic Trends

Net migration* per 1,000 in population, 2014 to 2019 by state

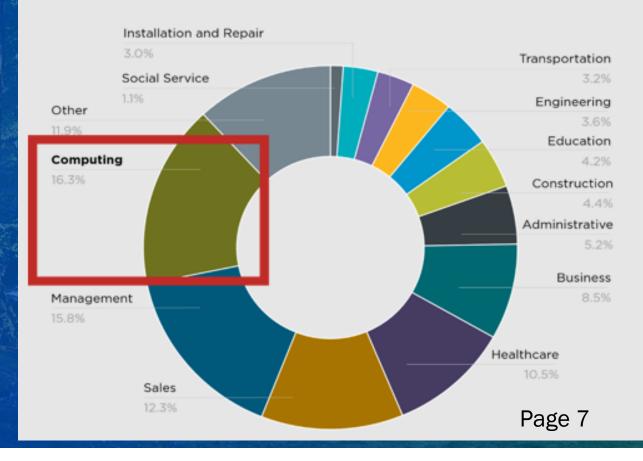
Since 1990, the Kenai Peninsula Borough's net flow has been mostly positive, driven by young families and older adults. The borough tends to lose people in their teens and 20s, then gain people in their 30s plus their kids. Kenai's large net gain of people in their 50s is unusual for Alaska; before 2010, the area even gained migrants 60 and older.







Computing jobs are the #1 source of new wages in the United States



500,000 current openings:

These jobs are in every industry and every state, and they're projected to grow at twice the rate of all other jobs.

Kenai Peninsula Construction Academy





Bob Hammer- Director

KPBSD Awarded a Grant \$20,000 4 classes- Winter of 2021-2022 Electrical, Plumbing, Welding, Construction



Summer Opportunities-

Kenai Peninsula College- Emergency Trauma Technician Kenai Central High School- Construction Academies-Alaska Petroleum Academies(2)- KPEDD Certified Nursing Assistant- Mtn. Haven/Providence- Seward Area Microsoft Certification Online Course- KPBSD Workplace and Internship Readiness Online Course- KPBSD

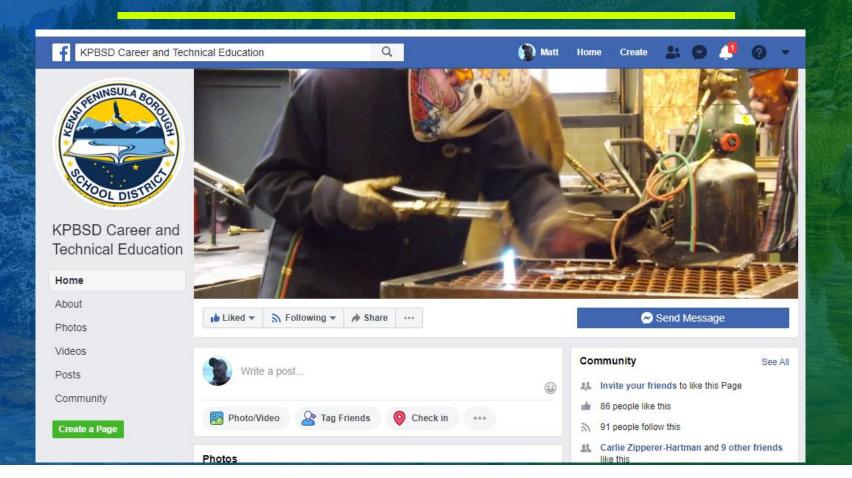




Thank You

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On behalf of KPBSD and the CTE Programs



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A great choice for Alaskans...

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AVTEC at a glance...

 A division of the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

 Postsecondary vocational technical training center since 1969

 Nationally accredited through the Council on Occupational Education

Our Mission...

AVTEC delivers flexible, accessible, and affordable workforce training that is responsive to the dynamic needs of business and industry and serves Alaska's diverse communities.



Flexible, accessible, & affordable training...

- Occupational Programs provide opportunities for student to gain technical and employability skills to gain employment in entry level positions; trade specific for 90-180 days of training.
- <u>Job upgrade</u> for incumbent workers aimed to increase upward mobility; customized training based on employer and employee needs.
- Continuing Education to maintain employed status through job specific skills training to increase productivity; customized training based on employer and employee needs.

Training at AVTEC is different...

• CLOCK HOURS NOT CREDIT HOURS:

 Workplace simulation in chosen career field; over 1,000 hours of training in 38 weeks.

• DEMONSTRATED COMPETENCY:

 No grades, 90% demonstrated mastery of skills and earned industry credentials.





Training at AVTEC is different...

• TECHNICAL & EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS EMBEDDED:

 Technical and employability skills such as job search, interviewing skills and resume writing part of the training.

• JOB SEARCH & EMPLOYMENT:

• Up to one year after training is complete, job search and employment assistance is available.

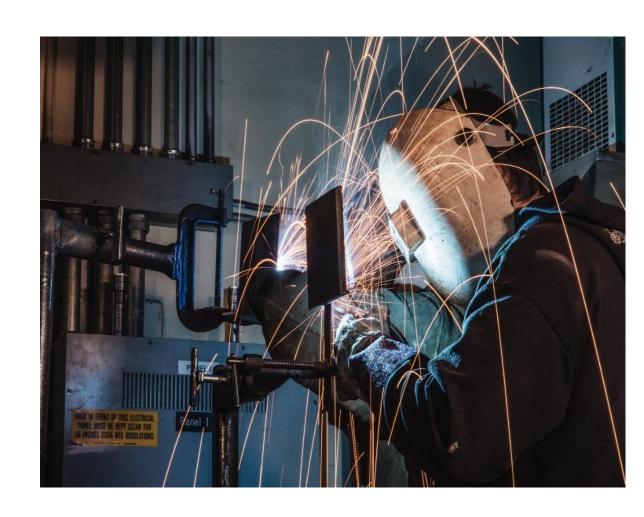


Responsive to dynamic needs of business...

- Occupational Advisory Committees
 - Comprised of employers and subject matter experts from business and industry.
 - Meet or connect regularly to conduct review of training content and provide feedback to ensure what students are learning is what they need in the workplace.
 - Visit classrooms to make presentations to students and to recruit students for employment.
 - Contribute money and equipment via education tax credits to support the resource needs of the programs.

AVTEC Occupational Programs

- Culinary Arts*
- ConstructionTechnology*
- Diesel / HeavyEquipment Technology
- Industrial Welding



AVTEC Occupational Programs

- Information Technology Networking*
- Business & OfficeTechnology*
- Industrial Electricity*
- Plumbing & Heating
- Refrigeration*



Alaska Maritime Training Center*



- 40 USCG and IMO Approved Courses
- Vessel Maintenance
- License Preparation for Advanced licenses.

Youth Outreach / Pre-apprentice

The Young Mariner **Program (High School)**

Introduction to Navigational Skills Young Fisherman's program

Licenses / Certifications

Deck Able Seafarer Deck & Engine Able Bodied Seaman. Mate and Master Qualified Member of the Engine Department

Advanced Training

Advanced Maritime Officer Training Marine Engineering Company and Vessel **Specific Training**



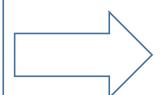


Maritime Career Pathway...

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE/CREDIT

Introduction to
Nautical Skills is a
high school course
taught via distance
technology or
on-site in school
district

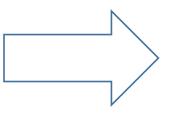
Senior Year to Career



ABLE SEAMAN
BASIC TRAINING
continues for
students at AVTEC

Basic Training
sponsored by
Perkins
Postsecondary grant
for students and
teacher professional
development

Employed, internship apprenticeship with tug and barge, tour boat, or other maritime employer







Non credit to credit pathways...

AVTEC program completers in Business & Information Technology and Information Technology

University of Alaska Fairbanks:

Business & IT students can purchase credits from UAF CTC



Non credit to credit pathways...

AVTEC program completers in Maritime training

University of Alaska Southeast:

Mariners with licenses can purchase credits equivalent to license





COVID-19 response priorities

- •#1 Provide safe training environment & protect health and safety of staff and students
- •#2 Given students what they came for...workforce training

Challenges

- Budget due to reduced enrollments for health and safety of students
- Uncertainty of what next during the pandemic
- Bridging the digital divide for staff and students





Student Success...

- FIVE YEAR AVERAGE COMPLETION RATE OVER 90%
 - WITH LITTLE OR NO STUDENT LOAN DEBT

- FIVE YEAR EMPLOYMENT RATE AT NEARLY 90%
 - FUTURE EARNING POTENTIAL OVER 60% MORE THAN BEFORE COMPLETING TRAINING

- RETURN ON INVESTMENT
 - AVTEC RANKED IN TOP 10% FOR ROI* BY GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY





QUESTIONS?

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